

draw on the center of the shaft will act as a preventive of accident, by keeping the car upright should the axle or wheel break, as has been frequently the case. Should this invention prove practical in its application, it must be invaluable, especially for our numerous City Railroads. The invention, we understand, can be applied to cars at one-half the cost of the present plan, and its capacities are soon to be tested on one of our new lines of City Railroads.

accident occurred upon the Hudson River Road, at Tarrytown, on Thursday morning. It appears that the locomotive of the seven o'clock Peekskill and New York train was stopped at the station house for water, and when under the shed which covers the water, it suddenly burst, blew up, and became a complete wreck. The roof was torn from off the shed, and scattered in all directions, while parts of the engine were hurled nearly three hundred feet into the water. The smaller fragments of iron and wood were so widely scattered that it is astonishing how a number of persons who were around the station house escaped without injury. A foot passenger going upon his way had his arm fractured in two places. The passengers arrived in the city by the half-past eight o'clock train. The locomotive is said to have been very old.

**ANOTHER SWINDLING YOUNG MAN BROKEN UP.**  
A day or two since a young man named Lewis Schoyemans residing at No. 25 Adelphi-st, Brooklyn, appeared before Justice Stuart, and preferred a charge of swindling against two men named R. C. Williams and Andrew J. Roberts, who obtained from him, by false and fraudulent representations, the sum of \$300. It appears that a short time since the accused advertised in

pany of Express Messenger, who could deposit \$200 as security for his fidelity. The complainant saw the advertisement and called at their office, No. 203 Broadway, where he saw Williams. He then offered to give bonds in \$1,000 for the faithful discharge of his duty, in lieu of depositing \$200 in cash. This offer Williams declined, and said he must have the money, as he did

He made such representations to the young man about the flourishing business he was engaged in, &c., induced him to pay over the \$200 and accept the situation. He was then told that on the following day he would be wanted to go to Philadelphia with Williams to take on some packages. Those packages proved to be nothing more than a few bundles of matches and books. On arriving at Philadelphia, the

part, his partner, who at the time was somewhat intoxicated. This, and a number of other circumstances which occurred, led the complainant to suspect that his money was not in safe hands, and he soon after asked Williams for its return, telling him that he thought he would quit the business. Williams told him that in future Roberts was going to have charge of the whole business, and that he intended leaving it; he refused to pay him the money at that time, but said it

would be ready. He did call, but got no money, and finally, after repeatedly calling with the same success, Roberts threatened if he came again to kick him out of the office, and actually jumped off his seat to do so. Finding that he could not get back his money, he finally made a complaint against the parties, and a warrant was issued for their arrest and placed in the hands of Officers Wm. H. Stephens and Earley, of the Lower Police Court, who yesterday took them into custody, and they are now in prison awaiting examination.

was in their employ nearly a month, and during that time a great number of persons called at the office to answer advertisements that required a deposit of money—that he has cautioned a number of persons, whom he believes would have been swindled but for such caution, and that numbers of persons who had been induced to make deposits, called again and again for their money without getting it, and that after watching their operations during the time he was in their employ, he has become satisfied that the whole business of Wil-

It further appears that the accused have pretended to the public, by means of advertisements inserted in some of the newspapers, that they had organized an Express Company, which they advertised under the head of "Opposition to Monopoly." "Williams, Roberts & Co's New-York and Philadelphia Independent Express, 303 Broadway." In their advertisement the company represented that they would forward pack-

all parts of the United States at reduced rates, and would collect bills, drafts, &c., all to be forwarded under the charge of special messengers. The whole concern, according to the affidavit, appears to have been a Peter Funk affair, and got up merely for the purpose of swindling young men out of their hard earnings. Since the affidavit of Mr. Schoyemans has been made, several other young men who have been swindled, as they allege, by the accused in a similar manner, have appeared before Justice Stuart and entered complaints. An exam-

**FIRE.**—On Thursday night, at a late hour, a fire broke out in the house No. 235 Avenue A, but it was immediately extinguished by the firemen after the alarm was given. The damage is about \$50.

Yesterday morning a fire broke out in the three-story brick building in the rear of No. 181 East Twenty-second st., occupied by Reuben Porter as a carpenter shop, and Robert W. White as a pocket-book manufactory. The fire broke out in the carpenter shop, and extended

They were soon on the ground, before they could extinguish the flames the stock and tools of the occupants were destroyed and the building greatly damaged. The loss is estimated at \$5,000, and the property was covered by insurance. The exact cause of the fire is unknown.

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning, a fire broke out in a dwelling house in Centret, opposite the Tomb. The flames were extinguished before the premises were materially damaged.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, a fire

house above. The firemen were early on the ground, but before they could extinguish the flames, the roof was partially destroyed. The upper part of the building was greatly damaged by water. Damage about \$250.

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**STRANGERS.—**At the IRVING, HON. F. Follett, Albany; Col. Jos. Ladd, Va.; Maj. F. C. Ridgely, U. S. A.; W. B. R. Hopkins, Sacramento City, Cal.; J. A. Cooney, do; Col. J. S. B. Batten, San Francisco; Dr. Evans, Carson, Cal.; W. W. Alexander, Chicago; J. K. Thompson,

At the ASTOR, HON. ABOT LAWRENCE, Ex-Minister to England; Col. WM. H. PALK, Tenn.; H. W. KING, Cincinnati; WM. H. ROGERS, San Francisco; Col. HAZARD, Md.; A. H. GEOR, Boston; HEURY F. GORN, Louisville; C. P. CARTER, Boston; R. PAXON, San Francisco; PHILIP GREELY, Collector of port of Boston; JOHN L. KING, Springfield; THOS. BAYLOND, Miss; and others.

**FOUND DROWNED.**—The body of an unknown man was yesterday found in the North River, near the foot of Bethesda-st. The body was secured and the Coroner notified to hold an inquest.

HEINERICH and Philip Dohl, and Ferdinand Leo, were yesterday arrested by Asst. Corp. Hicks and officer Eider, of the Seventeenth Ward Police, on a warrant issued by Justice Street, in which they stand charged with having, by false and fraudulent pretenses, obtained clothing to the value of \$600 from Mr. John Wolf of 433 1/2 So. Sixth Ave. The accused were held in the city jail to await a warrant examination, which will probably take place to-day.

**EXHIBITING AN OBSCENE PAINTING.**—Officer Patton, of the Fourthward House, yesterday arrested a man named John St. Luke, charged with exhibiting an obscene painting in front of the premises of Mr. John F. Watson, No. 610 Broadway. He was committed by Justice Welsh.

**GRAND LARCENY.**—Officer Harbinson, of the Fourth Ward, yesterday arrested a man named James Mc-Mullen, charged with stealing \$125 worth of block tin from the premises of Mr. John Dickinson, No. 245 Water-st. The accused was taken before Justice Stuart and held to await trial.

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**WILLIAMSBURGH ITEMS.**

☛ The new Chapel of the Second Baptist Church in Williamsburgh, corner of Grand and Leon-ard-sts., will be opened for Divine worship to-morrow.

**FIRE.**—Yesterday at 12½ o'clock A. M., a fire broke out in the large furniture store of Earle & Co., Montgomery-st., and communicated to the buildings around it until one-third of the block was in flames. In consequence of the want of water and the chance